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REMARKS

In an Office Action dated August 23, 2002, the Examiner restricted the claims into three Groups, with Group I containing Claims 1-27, Group II containing Claims 28-50, and Group III containing Claims 51-73. Applicant now elects, without traverse, to prosecute Claims 1-27. Claims 28-50, and Claims 51-73 will be filed in divisional applications.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 28-73 have been cancelled.

COMPLETE SET OF PENDING CLAIMS

1. A method for detecting the presence of an analyte in saliva, comprising:

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- a) providing an assay test comprising a reaction site produces a detectable signal in presence of an analyte;
- b) placing said reaction site into a mouth of a subject under conditions such that saliva from said subject is contacted with said reaction site; and
- c) detecting the presence or absence of said detectable signal in said reaction site.
- 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said detectable signal comprises a color change.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, said assay test comprises a test strip.
- 4. The method of Claim 3, wherein said test strip comprises an absorbent material, wherein said reaction site is located within said absorbent material.
- 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reaction site comprises an enzyme, wherein said analyte is a substrate for said enzyme.
- 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reaction site comprises an antibody, wherein said antibody binds to said analyte.
- 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reaction site comprises a biosensor.
- 8. The method of Claim 5, wherein said enzyme produces oxidation and reduction products when reacted with said analyte.
- 9. The method of Claim 8, wherein said reaction site further comprises a chromogen.

- 10. The method of Claim 8, wherein said chromogen undergoes a color change in the presence of said oxidation and reduction products.
- 11. The method of Claim 2, wherein said color change is detectable by the human eye.
- 12. The method of Claim 1, wherein in step b), said reaction site is held in said mouth for a sufficient amount of time to generate said detectable signal while said reaction site is in said mouth.
- 13. The method of Claim 1, wherein in step b), said reaction site is held in said mouth for a sufficient amount of time to generate a detectable signal faster than when said reaction site is held in said mouth for 5 seconds.
- 14. The method of Claim 1, wherein in step b), said reaction site is held in said mouth for 10 seconds or more.
- 15. The method of Claim 14, wherein in step b), said reaction site is held in said mouth for 30 seconds or more.
- 16. The method of Claim 1, wherein said reaction site comprises a chromogen.
- 17. The method of Claim 16, wherein said chromogen is a non-toxic chromogen.
- 18. The method of Claim 16, wherein said chromogen is a non-irritant.
- 19. The method of Claim 16, wherein said chromogen is not a know carcinogen.
- 20. The method of Claim 1, wherein said analyte comprises an alcohol moiety.

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- 21. The method of Claim 20, wherein said analyte comprises ethanol.
- 22. The method of Claim 20, wherein said analyte comprises glucose.
- 23. The method of Claim 1, wherein said analyte comprises a ketone moiety.
- 24. The method of Claim 23, wherein said analyte comprises a ketone body.
- 25. The method of Claim 1, wherein said analyte comprises prostate-specific antigen.
- 26. The method of Claim 1, wherein said analyte comprises melatonin.
- 27. The method of Claim 1, wherein said analyte comprises lactoferrin.